

Richmond Dispatch.

SUNDAY.....DECEMBER 10, 1882.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

TO THE DISPATCH FROM ALL POINTS,

Affairs at the National Capital—Proceedings of Congress Yesterday—Nominations by the President—Fatal Difficulty Between Convict Guards—Telegraph War in New York—Alleged Abductor Arrested in Nebraska—Arrest of a Suspected Murderer—Interesting Foreign Events.

Washington.

A Lively Debate in the House on a River and Harbor Resolution—Mr. McLain Stirs Up the Republicans—Mr. Cox is Humorous and Argumentative—The Recolutions Again Go Over—A Boom in Civil-Service Reform—Tariff-Reformers—A PORTRAIT OF MR. HUNTER—PERSONALS—VIRGINIA POST-MASTERS—BRIEF ITEMS.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The Commerce Committee to-day reported to the House a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information in regard to the appropriations for the rivers and harbors made at last session. The committee desires to know specifically how much money remains unexpended, and what appropriations he regards as useless. The opponents of a river and harbor bill proposed to amend so as to ask the Secretary's opinion as to what are national and what local improvements. Mr. Page, of California, chairman of the committee, objected to the amendment on the ground that he wanted facts and not the judicial opinion of anybody. He believed Congress perfectly competent to decide this question. The committee, he said, wanted the fullest information, so that it could know whether it will be necessary to prepare a river and harbor bill at this session. He characterized some of the opponents of appropriations for rivers and harbors as howling demagogues. When Mr. Cox, of New York, came to reply, he intimated that perhaps some of these invaded Mr. Page's district during the late canvas and contributed to his defeat. He said he felt, however, like pouring oil into the wounds of the afflicted rather than like stirring up strife or discord. He contended that there is no warrant in the Constitution for the passage of a bill like that of last session. His opinion then was that two bills ought to have been reported, one embracing commercial highways and important harbors, and the other local improvements. The members of the committee, including Regan, agreed with Mr. Page. When Mr. McLain commented on the course of the President in regard to the river and harbor appropriation, and pronounced his conduct unwarranted, he created a lively stir on the Republican side. Messrs. Kasson, Robeson, and others replied with earnestness and feeling. The resolution was finally adopted without the amendment proposed by Messrs. Cox and Kasson. The fact that the Bureau of Engineers will have to prepare the information asked for gives assurance that it will be accurate in every particular.

THE DUTY ON SUGAR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9.—The nomination of Postmaster—W. F. Slater, Wytheville; Samuel M. Yost, Staunton, Va.; James H. Ramsey, Salisbury, N. C.; John C. Beall, La Grange, Ga.; William M. Ledwith, Jacksboro, Fla.; Thomas J. Lake, Athens, Ala.; Clayton Michael, of Pennsylvania; Marshal of United States for the District of Columbia.

INSPECTORS FOR NEW ORLEANS.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—Secretary Folger has appointed inspectors of foreign steam vessels for the port of New Orleans as follows: F. S. Washington, inspector of hulls; William Golden, inspector of boilers.

FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, December 9, 1882. SENATE.

Petitions from tobacco-dealers and manufacturers for a rebate equal to any reduction that may be made in the tax on tobacco were presented by Messrs. Hale, Miller of New York, and Edmunds.

Mr. Hoar asked Mr. Pendleton when he expected to call up his civil-service bill.

Mr. Pendleton, in reply, asked an unanimous consent to take up the bill for the purpose of making it the special order for Monday next.

A SUSPECTED MURDER ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, December 9.—Edward C. Davis, suspected of the recent murder of Albert Seabury, in Little Compton, has been arrested at the instance of the son of the deceased and lodged in the Newport county jail. There will be a hearing of the case on Tuesday next.

MOVEMENTS OF BANLAI, THE OARSMAN.

TORONTO, ONT., December 9.—Banlai Hanlon, a native of New York on Monday next to meet John A. Kennedy to arrange for a race of the earliest possible date. The stakes are to be \$2,000. A tempting offer has been made to Banlai to give an exhibition at New Orleans on January 14th, and he has decided to accept it. He will first conclude his arrangements with Kennedy at New York, and then proceed to New Orleans.

INVEST AND SUICIDE.

ATLANTA, N. Y., December 9.—Alvah H. Green was yesterday convicted of incest with his daughter, and was to have been sentenced today, but he might be hanged himself in his cell with a sheet from his bed.

GENERAL FOREIGN NOTES.

CALIFORNIA, December 9.—Abrahim Pasha has expressed satisfaction that he is to be exiled to Ceylon.

ROME, December 9.—The Tiber is rising, and threatens to inundate the lower part of the city.

DUBLIN, December 9.—A proclamation has been issued offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the conviction of the murderer of John Lenihan at Mid-Town last January.

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